



Les Paustian

Les Paustian holds one of the most changeable jobs at the Kinzua mill at Heppner. As construction superintendent, he is in charge of lay-up and general construction, machinery and prefabrication. Working with him are about 19 mechanics and carpenters charged with the hour to hour job of keeping Kinzua going and growing.

Paustian is a native of Baker, Ore. He was construction superintendent for Ellingson Lumber in Baker and came to Kinzua about two years ago.

The genial Paustian claims to be a rock hound. He is presently digging rocks out of his back yard in Heppner, a home improvement job. At home with the rock hound are his wife, Janice, and daughter Debbie, a freshman at Heppner High School. On the serious side, hunting and golf are among his leisure time activities.



Elvyn Ball

Elvyn Ball, planer foreman, has been with Kinzua for 15 years. Born in Wallowa, he came to Heppner from Medical Springs where he worked 10 years with Collins Pondosa Lumber Company.

Twelve of his 15 years in this area were spent at the mill in Kinzua. He moved to the mill at Heppner three years ago.

His work as planer foreman involves all operations of the day and swing shift planer production. The task involves surfacing all lumber from both mills.

"I do a little hunting and golf when I get the time," Ball said. His life centers around the Kinzua mill. Mrs. Ball (Patty) works in the Kinzua office in accounting and records.

Elvyn and Patty have two sons. Kevin is presently work-

ing in a crime prevention project in Baker and son Kent is a junior at Oregon College of Education at Monmouth.

Elvyn recently completed a two-week Stetson-Ross Planer's Vocational Training School in Seattle. He was among eight graduated from the school in December.



Ron Brittner

Ron Brittner has been involved in production and maintenance for 15 years. He arrived at Kinzua in Heppner in April of 1969 and started to work as a machinist and millwright.

In 1976 he took on his present job as maintenance superintendent for Kinzua.

A native of Coeur d'Alene, Ida., Brittner is responsible for maintenance in the huge plywood plant, which strikes the eye of highway travelers as the main building on the Kinzua grounds at Heppner.

Ron did stints at building trailers in Portland in earlier years. He did military service with the U.S. Army in Greenland and Vietnam as a welder and diesel mechanic.

He and his wife, Peggy, have two boys, Ted, 5, and Leonard, 1.

Ron holds a private pilot's license gained in 1964. In addition to flying, he has an interest in saddle horses. He owns several.



Dan Sweeney

Dan Sweeney recently took up duties in plant engineering at Kinzua in Heppner. Sweeney took on the post as several shifts were made in the management picture on the departure of Ray Grace. Grace is now in Saudi Arabia in construction work.

Sweeney graduated from Heppner High School and attended the University of Oregon for three years,

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Meet the management

majoring in psychology.

He returned to Heppner after his junior year and worked on construction of the new plywood plant. He worked as assistant project engineer on the plywood plant and when the plant was complete became assistant plant engineer.

Sweeney has worked with the bull gang as well as being power house foreman for a year. From there, he was moved into production in the plywood plant. Before moving to his present job, he worked as swing shift foreman in the greenend.

His present duties involve the power house, bull gang, coordination with plant guards and fire protection.

Sweeney, in his spare time, follows the hobbies of photography and coin collecting with emphasis on gold and peace dollars.

Sweeney, 24, is single.

where he studied business management.

He worked eight years with Willamette Industries in build-

is a native of Heppner. They have six children, Mike, 16, Kenny, 14, Andy, 13, Marcie, 9, Kim, 5, and little Mike, 4.



Monte Stookey

ing and set-up of their plywood mill at Redmond.

Monte says he enjoys the Heppner area very much. His wife, Sharon Lee (Cutsforth)

Monte expresses a love for all sports including hunting and fishing. In the summer he takes every chance to get up in the mountains with his gold dredge. He has a 3-inch flotation type suction dredge which was exhibited at the Morrow County Fair last year.

He placed fourth last year in the Oregon State Gold Panning Championships in Baker.

Along the road, Monte has managed to pick up a significant amount of study in electronic design engineering.

An edited text of his speech to the Plywood Clinic in Portland last week is featured in this section of the Gazette-Times.

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